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Downfall of the Good Government Administration.

The so-called Good Government administration which was elected a short time ago by false pretenses; or in other words, by claiming to be what it was not; has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Instead of giving the citizens the Good Government, they were led to believe they were to receive, the Good Government administration is one of the most inefficient in the history of the city. It has been a failure in everything except in the propagation of scandal. In this particular, it is without a rival. In order to cover up the scandal, of all scandals, the moral censor scandal, a number of the Good Government's shining lights are charged with attempting to blast the life of officer Lloyd. Although the mayor is said to have known all about the arrangement for Lloyd's arrest, in order to bolster up his tottering administration he fires his private secretary Anderson and officer Choate.

Feeling that the people in their wrath will recall him, the mayor rushes into print with the statement that he does not fear a recall. In fact, he dares any one to start a recall. If the mayor really believes what he says, he certainly does not understand the temperament of the people. If the mayor's friends hope to keep him from being recalled, their success depends upon keeping recall petitions from being started. This whole miserable fiasco is the attempt to run a great city by placing small men at the head of it and the sooner the whole bunch is recalled and their places filled with broad guaged men of affairs, the better it will be for all concerned.

Should a recall be ordered 98 per cent. of the colored voters would very likely be registered in favor of putting the whole Lissner-Johnson Goo Goo machine out of business. As the entire Negro voting population has been basely betrayed and humiliated by the said machine. Having inflicted severe punishment upon that machine on Nov. 5th the Negro voters are simply smarting for another opportunity to scourge them.

SCOURGES CITY ADMINISTRATION

Gesner Williams, City Attorney of Vernon, and a resident of Los Angeles, issued this formal statement regarding the fatal accident last week:

"The direct cause of the killing at Ninth and Tennessee streets early this morning is the inefficiency, senility and hypocrisy of the present city administration of Los Angeles. Vernon city is well patrolled by efficient motorcycle police in the interest of public safety, morality and health. No accident of any nature whatever has occurred in the city of Vernon.

"On the contrary, many accidents are occurring constantly in the city of Los Angeles, directly traceable to the fact that the city of Los Angeles, through its present administration spends the taxpayer's money on moral censors and an attempt to patrol the city against those things which it cannot stop.

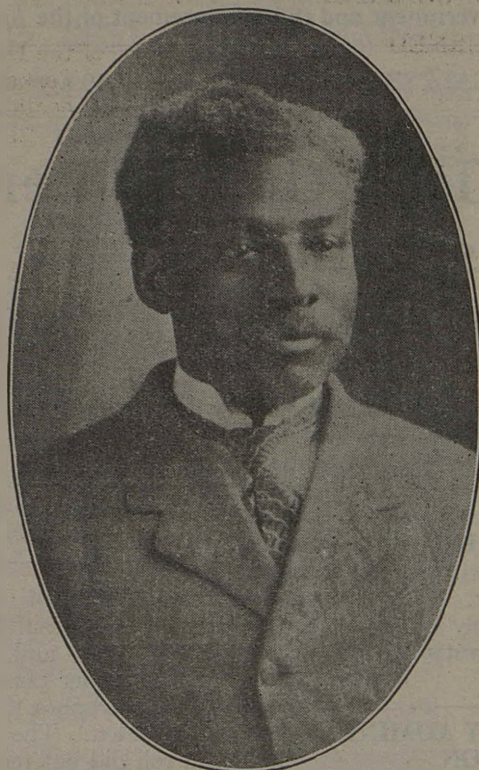
"In other words, if less money were spent on tainted women, to entice citizens and purists into

rooming-houses, and more on patrolling the streets and suppressing genuine crime, the city would be better off."

HEROIC NEGRO ELEVATOR BOY SAVES MANY LIVES

The burning of the Hotel St. George which resulted in the loss of three lives and the maiming of twenty other persons, is one of those catastrophes that could have been avoided. The fact that the death roll did not reach 50 or more was due to the heroic efforts of the Negro elevator boy, who at the risk of his life, visited each of the floors and ran along the halls, arousing the sleeping inmates by crying fire. Returning to the elevator he kept it in operation rescuing guests until the flames took possession of the shaft. With his clothes all aflame he fled to the streets where the fire of burning clothes was extinguished and he sent to the hospital suffering from numerous burns.

In recounting the deeds of heroism displayed there, the newspapers have little to say of the heroic elevator boy because he is a Negro. Had he been suspicioned of a theft of a ring or some trifle, the tale would have been told under big headlines. When a Negro is charged with a crime, the white newspaper men, regardless of section or politics, lose their heads in their eagerness to let the world know about it; but haven't the moral courage to tell the world when the Negro does a commendable thing.



J. L. EDMONDS

Editor J. L. Edmonds, through the columns of his paper *The Liberator*, has caused the Negro voter to decide two of the greatest political questions recently put before the voters of California.

When the question was before the people whether the women of this state should be allowed to vote, he took up their cause and made the fight that they should have the ballot, and the count of the votes on that question in the Negro precincts, these being the ones in which this paper is most read and in whose interests it is published showed that they went 3 to 1 in favor of the amendment for woman's suffrage.

For the majority in those precincts in favor of the amendment were 2000 votes.

In the Presidential campaign just closed, Mr. Edmonds supported the ticket headed by Woodrow Wilson, and his experience brought on by more than sixteen years in the Democratic party based upon the belief that it was the best way to help the Negroes' civil, political and economic interests, he made a fearless fight on the machine of this State for its unmanly treatment of the Negro voters, and so great was his fight on it that the result shown in the heavy voting Negro precincts which gave more than 40 per cent. of its vote to Wilson.

The effect of his work can be better understood when a comparison of the votes of these same precincts at the last Gubernatorial or Presidential election, on both the former occasions the Democratic vote was five per cent. in the last election the vote for the Democratic ticket in the same precincts was forty three per cent. In precinct 232 which contains not a white vote, and which has 200 registered voters, but one Democratic vote was cast in the last gubernatorial election. In this same precinct Wilson received 80 votes.

NEGROES BUILDING BUSINESS BLOCKS

Until a short time ago the enterprising colored citizens of this city have devoted their attention to purchasing lots upon which elegant modern residences were built. This have been carried on so persistently for the past 15 years that the colored citizens of this City are the best housed of any similar city in the United States.

Now that the colored men have commenced the erection of business blocks a new epoch is being made which means that the Negro here is settling down to business. Following the erection by Mr. R. C. Owens of a splendid business block on Fourth Street near Central Avenue, Mr. Dan H. Adams, a well known and popular hotel man, is just completing a small but neat block at 845 East 9th Street, which will soon be occupied as a first class ice cream parlor and delicatessen. Mr. Adams has already had many calls from persons desiring to secure long lease on the property, but has decided to conduct the place himself, thus securing first class accommodations for all classes of patrons.

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Mr. O. E. Brookins, for many years custodian of the Germain Building, and who in the meantime invested his earnings in real estate, will erect immediately a \$40,000 business block. With his present real estate holdings Mr. Brookins is amply able to successfully carry his new enterprise to completion. This new departure on the part of the colored men is a movement in the right direction and means that they have decided to make use of their idle capital, which has been used for years by other men in promoting enterprises that passed the word down that Negroes were not wanted. There is a large and ever increasing number of business and professional men who are suffering for permanent locations which should be

supplied by colored men, by the erection of a suitable office building. The colored men have plenty of capital for such an enterprise which will be forthcoming as soon as the initiative is taken.

The Negroes of this city have some \$200,000 invested in church property, which not only furnishes them no financial income, but is a source of continual drain upon their limited resources. Should an amount like the above be invested in office buildings and other real property it would not only furnish employment for scores of Negroes, but would pay the stockholders at least 10 per cent. on the investment.

NO COLORED ZONE

Undertaker Has Monopoly

The proposition to create a colored zone for undertakers in order that a firm of colored men could open an establishment at Eighth and San Pedro streets, which is five blocks outside the present general zone for establishments of that kind, brought out a strong protest from property owners in the block affected. After a lengthy debate, the protest was sustained and the colored men will have to find a location within the present zone. The vote was five to three against them.

It was shown during the hearing that there are 20,000 colored people in the city, with but one undertaker to bury their dead. One of the colored men stated that they had been working on the proposition for eight months, during which time they had written three leases for a location within the zone, but when they were presented for signature, neither of the parties would close, having discovered that the lessees were colored men. There are two colored churches within one block of the location desired, and a third one within two blocks, and many colored people live in the neighborhood.

A. M. E. ZION CONFERENCE

ADJOURNED

The A. M. E. Zion Conference for 1912 has passed into history, and the pastors have all returned to their respective charges for the coming years work, with the determination to do more and better work for the cause of religion and the advancement of the church.

Rev. W. J. J. Byers, pastor of the Los Angeles church is again at his post of duty for another year. He says that he will carry to the next conference to be held here a better report than that carried to San Jose. The membership reception held last Wednesday evening was a grand success and well attended. Rev. Byers is delivering a series of sermons on the decalogue. The public is cordially invited to hear these sermons.

The only transfers to this conference this year was Rev. Mr. Clarence A. Adams from the North Arkansas conference and assign to the work at Monrovia. Rev. Adams arrived here in the early part of October and with his little wife who preceeded him about six months are fairly settled in his new field. Rev. Adams is a young man and comes from a family noted for its able ministers, his father is Presiding Elder in the North Arkansas Conference. With some experience as a pastor we are quite sure that success will attend his labor here on the coast. Rev. Adams is a constant reader of *The Liberator* and is lost when he fails to receive it. *The Liberator* extends its best wishes for his success as pastor here where faithful Christian pastors are greatly needed.

THE PRICE IS 30 CENTS

The price of the Negro year book sent out from Tuskegee is 30 cents instead of 25 cents as announced some time ago in this journal. It is a valuable encyclopedia of the Negro and can be purchased from Mr. Noah D. Thompson 55th and Long Beach Avenue, this city.

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NEGRO PRECINCTS TELL THE STORY

That something like 43 per cent. of the Negro vote was cast for Wilson is shown by the Wilson vote in the heavy Negro precincts. In precinct 232 with a registered vote of 200, Roosevelt received 109, and Wilson 80. This same precinct in previous elections never polled more than one Democratic vote.

In the contest between Mayor Alexander and Geo. A. Smith, Mayor Alexander received 2 to 1. In the campaign for woman's suff-

rage in 1911, the suffrage amendment carried that precinct 3 to 1. In the campaign between Mayor Alexander and Geo. A. Smith, Mr. Smith beat Mayor Alexander in all of the Negro precincts; the Afro-American Council having charge of Smith's fight in the primaries. The struggle at that time being whether the town should be open or closed.

The editor having advocated independent voting as the best means of securing good government was invited by the Alexander campaign managers to take a hand in the fight and prevent if possible the lining up of the colored voters with the machine backed by the whiskey element of the City. After a consultation with a number of prominent gentlemen among whom were Atty. G. W. Wickliffe, G. Walter Snell, and S. Oliver, we called the attention of the colored voters to the fact that their vote at the primaries indicated that they favored an open town, and that as the political lines were then drawn, they could not afford to take such a position. And that as all the slum precincts showed a plurality for Smith, the Negro voters must make a different showing at the election. With that argument put in the hands of every colored voter, the election which followed changed a plurality for Smith, to 2 to 1 in favor of Alexander in 232. The Alexander vote in every Negro precinct was similarly increased showing beyond a doubt that he had received the Negro vote.

Saves the Day for Woman's Suffrage.

In the campaign for Woman's suffrage in 1911 *The Liberator* was the only Negro paper in the State that came out for that amendment. And every Negro organization that took any hand in the campaign save one, fought woman's suffrage. The one exception was The Lyceum, which indorsed the movement, the editor of this journal being one of its members. The Woman's Suffrage campaign

managers did nothing towards securing the colored vote but left them in the lands of the antis, who made desperate appeals to the prejudice of the colored voters from start to finish of the campaign. It was only during the last two weeks of the campaign at our urgent request, that the ladies in charge of the campaign agreed to assist the editor of this journal, in making a final appeal to the colored voters, to go on record for equal suffrage for every citizen. The ladies announced that the appeals made by *The Liberator* for woman's suffrage were among the most powerful made during the campaign. These appeals were made through 6000 copies of this journal and sent freely to the home of every colored person in the city and to the centers of the colored population throughout the State.

Precinct 232 which contains not a single white voter went 3 to 1 for woman's suffrage, this too, in the face of the fact that the leaders there were opposed to the measure. When this is contrasted with a white precinct which contains not a single Negro voter and which went 5 to 1 against woman's suffrage, shows that appeals to the intelligence of the Negro voter is never in vain.

Precinct 232 is no exception to the rule among the colored precincts, it is merely used from the fact of its segregation. The colored voters throughout the city being equally intelligent and equally susceptible.

BE READY

In another column the attention of the readers and friends of this journal has been called to its financial needs. Therefore be prepared for a call from our agent at any time.

MARRIED AT SANTA ANA

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. F. McClain wish to announce the marriage of their youngest daughter Millie Lee to Mr. August Aponte, of Durango, Mexico, which was solemnized, Nov. 11, 1912, at Santa Ana.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations and asparagus ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClain attended the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Aponte will be at home to friends after Nov. 22 at Duarte, Cal.

THE CITY BY THE SEA

The Phyllis Wheatley Club gave a Hallowe'en entertainment which was a decided success.

Last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Nichols, a "Nickel Society Club" was organized.

Miss Lottie Fletcher of Waterbury, Conn. arrived at Santa Monica Sunday to visit her sister Mrs. May Dudley.

Miss Eduah Adams entertained with a theater party at the Orpheum last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt were the guests of Mrs. E. V. Moxley, Tuesday.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club held their social meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Dudley. The feature of the evening was the Discussion of the first domestic science topic "The Development of the Home from Log Cabin to Palace."

The discussion was led by Mrs. M. E. Collier.

Other features: Reading by Miss E. Adams; solo by Miss M. Dudley.

The Y. W. C. A. called a committee of Mrs. E. V. Moxley, State Pres. of the Colored Women's Federation; Mrs. Scott, Jackson and Oessutt, to consider an or-

ganization of a Christian Association among the colored women of Los Angeles.

The Sunday School pupils are preparing for an entertainment to be given the first of December under the instructions of Mrs. Moxley, Misses Mayme Carter and Ella Hunt.

COLORED WOMEN WORK FOR WILSON

At the recent presidential election, colored women voters not only voted for Wilson by the hundred but three of them selecting heavy Negro precincts worked for Wilson from the opening to the closing of the polls, with telling effect. The colored women are very largely readers of this journal and are in sympathy with its fight against the race discriminations inaugurated by the Good Government bunch. They feel keenly the discrimination against their daughters at the nurse training school at the County hospital and will lose no opportunity to punish the guilty parties.

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